(c) The LPG imports made by Public Sector Oil Companies during 1999-2000 and the estimated imports during 2002-03 are as udner:

1999-2000	—	1390 TMT
2002-03	—	960 TMT (Estimated)

Subsidized LPG for institutions

2730. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce subsidized LPG for Institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the burden on exchequer on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Subsidized LPG is available to the Government/Municipal Hospitals, Hostels of all schools and colleges or for mid day meal schemes, and the social welfare institutions being run for child welfare/women welfare/social welfare institutions (children homes, old-age homes, and homes for disabled persons, etc.).

(c) The annual burden on account of supplying subsidized LPG to aforesaid institutions is estimated to be around Rs. 43 crore.

Increase in prices of petrol and diesel

2731. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times prices of petrol, diesel were increased after the Administrative Price Mechanism for the petroleum products was dismantled; and